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HISTORY OF ECLECTIC AND OF THE JONES NORMAL

No people ever lived who appreciated more the higher values of Life, Religion and Education, than have the people of Eclectic. So a history of these subjects, with a statement of what the leading families and citizens have contributed, will be the history of this town.

LOG CABINS AND EARLY SETTLEMENTS

The earliest settlements in this community were made in the forties or earlier. One of them was the home of a Mr. Joiner, a log cabin, where Mrs. G. C. Hamilton now lives. Professor W. C. Cousins lived in this cabin while teaching in a log house across the road from Mr. J. W. Castleberry's store. He taught there in 1864 and at other dates later on. This was at that time the M. E. Church building.

Another early settler was a Mr. Colley who lived in a two room log house where Mr. Clarence Phillips' warehouse now stands. The family lived in one room, and in the other were kept a few articles for sale. This was probably the first store here. The first article sold in this store was a Blue Back Speller.

A third one of the early settlers was Mr. A. J. Powell, father of Mr. W. C. Powell, who built and lived in a log house one fourth mile down the road from Mrs. Fant's (Mrs. C. Phillips) home. Mr. W. C. Powell, "Uncle Billy," tells us that his father built here in 1868. He also tells us that there was no Post Office here then that he went for the mail once a week; and that the Post Office was at what we know as the Geno Cotton place, between Eclectic and the long bridge. This was in the seventies.

Another early settler should be mentioned. This was a Mr. Glenn who lived in a log house where Mr. Castleberry's store now stands. Mr. Glenn and wife were the parents of seven children. 5 were boys; their names were: Bascom C. Glenn, W. Capers Glenn, John Glenn, Wesley Glenn, and Jerry M. Glenn. Three made Methodist preachers, and will be mentioned in connection with "The Early Methodist Church." Of the two girls, we know very little.

These five settlers with others were the early pioneers at Eclectic. They lived here not long after, some probably before, the Indians left, and should never be forgotten.

This church has stood for the higher values of life and has been a power in making Eclectic what she is today. During the past four months they have erected a $20,000 annex to this brick church, which is to be used for Sunday School rooms and other church functions.

The two churches here in town have ever cooperated with each other for all that is good and the uplifting of the community.

From the Baptist Church have gone 5 Baptist ministers and one foreign missionary and from the M. E. Church 12 ministers and 2 missionaries.

THE EARLY SCHOOL

As is usual the church was in the lead, but the first school at Eclectic was taught about one-tenth mile north-west of the bank, in a log cabin with peg-leg benches. This was in 1850-1851, and the first teacher was Miss Nannie Kidd, daughter of Seaborn Kidd and wife, Mary Carlton. How long the school was run here and who the other teachers were, no one knows.

The second school location was across the street north-west from Castleberry's store, and the building was a log house. As above stated, the church in 1850 had built a log house at this spot and was holding services here. Since it was customary in those days for both church and school to occupy the same building, we would guess that such was the arrangement here.

Who the first teachers were we do not know; but W. C. Cousins taught here in 1864 and at other dates later on. And judging from the number and excellency of the teachers, preachers, and foreign missionaries that went out from this early school, we know that the guidance, instruction, and the discipline could have been nothing but the best and most fundamental.

But the mention of one other family can not be omitted. Mr. Seaborn Kidd and wife, Mary Carlton, came to this community from Good Hope and with their 9 children, 7 girls and 2 boys, added materially to the upbuilding of the community.

"ECLECTIC" (A GREEK ADJECTIVE)

In those early days a young man by the name of M. L. Fielder was living in the Good Hope community. He went north to prepare for the medical profession. The school he attended gave what was called the "Eclectic" Course, which included the best of all then known in the practice of medicine. On returning home he bought the home and plantation of Mr. Seaborn Kidd. This plantation included the lands bounded on the west by the Wetumpka Highway, on the north by the Tallassee Highway, on the south by the half mile line, (north of Mr. Charley Harden's farm), and on the east by the quarter mile line running south from the late Mr. O. D. Farrow's home, said to be 150 acres.

The first thing the doctor did was to donate one acre to any person, white or colored, who would build thereon a home. A number of new homes for both races immediately went up. Doctor Fielder's next job was to put a second story on his residence. This done, his next consideration was a Post Office. Discussing the matter with his neighbors the word Eclectic was mentioned. It stuck, and is defined in the dictionary thus: "Eclectic" (ek-lek'-tik) adj. (Gr. to pick out, choose out), as an eclectic physician.

MISS LOVIE FIELDER

Miss Lovie Fielder, daughter of this famous doctor, deserves mention. For a number of years she either taught or was a missionary in Brazil. She then returned to Elmore Co. and until she was no longer able to serve humanity taught Latin in the school in Wetumpka. A teacher's salary in those days was so small that it took all one could make to support himself. Miss Fielder being retired, her parents gone, attracted the attention of the legislature. The first law giving a pension to teachers in Alabama was enacted, but no one in the state could qualify except Miss Lovie Fielder at Wetumpka, which she did and was cared for in her last days.

GOOD TIMES AND BETTER COMING

By this time, the later eighties, more than one saw mill was in the community, and they were doing a flourishing

business. There were now two Churches and Sunday Schools. Many homes were built in every direction and farms were opened up. The people had a good doctor and a new Post Office, Eclectic, even though few people knew the meaning of the word. Lots were given free for residences, a prosperous mercantile establishment was being operated by Mr. Bill Still whose daughter, Miss Annie, lives here among us today; and large congregations attended both churches. All these things with growing congregations meant good times and better coming.

The first frame building for the Methodist church was now entirely too small for the crowds. It was taken down and a large commodious structure was erected. This new building stood in front of the old one and was just across the road from Castleberry's store. A steeple was built on one end, in which hung a large bell which tolled out the golden mellow tones for Sunday services and mid week prayer meetings. Built of the finest yellow pine heart this Church house was doubtless the best and most commodious in all the country round.

Up to this time, doubtless, the church and the school had occupied the same building. But now the people demanded a new and separate building for the school. A lot was selected near the home where the late J. G. Girdner has lived for many years. A two story building was erected. The lower part, served the school and the upper part a Masonic hall. Late a side room was added for an assistant teacher. Prof. W. C. Cousins was placed in charge, and his daughter, Miss Molly Cousins living here in town now, says she attended the school under her father's management.

A FRONT LINE SCHOOL

Under the good management and thorough instruction of Professor Cousins the school grew in numbers and the pupils advanced rapidly. So much was this true that the interest in education grew daily. Professor Cousins having come up during the pioneer days, his education was limited. But thank Providence for such patriotic citizens as W. C. Cousins. He was frank and honest and told the parents that the children were ready for higher studies. Being determined

to educate their children, one of two things was necessary; either send the children away from home to a school where the higher subjects were taught, or hire a teacher to teach those subjects here at home. The latter course was taken, and Professor O. C. McGehee was employed, with his sister, Miss Annie McGehee, also a college graduate, as assistant. This was a happy selection, for not only was Professor McGehee a college graduate, but he became a Methodist preacher and served later as Presiding Elder of his church. Thus, the Eclectic school was placed in the front rank as an educational center for all who wanted an education beyond the "Three R's." And from that day till this, more and more people from farther and farther away have been coming this way for educational advantages. Immediately the school had boarding students and we wish we could give their names. But only one are we able at this time to give, a young man by the name of Philipps. He was the father of Mrs. J. A. Waldrop here in the community, and a brother of the late J. M. Philipps.

In the late eighties or early nineties the trustees and citizens of this community took a step that was outstanding. They passed a resolution which stated that no person except a college graduate should henceforth be the principal of the Eclectic School. From that day, the growth and the influence of this school has been phenomenal. With good assistant teachers, mostly graduates, students were regularly prepared for college. Thus when the New Century dawned it was absolutely necessary to have more play grounds and a much larger building.

PRESENT SCHOOL SITE SELECTED

Led by Prof. Marvin H. Pearson, later the head of Mathematics at Sidney Lanier, the present location was selected. A large building was erected with four class rooms on the ground and 1 large hall above, for the Odd Fellows.

In those days the public funds were inadequate to pay the salaries of teachers and so a tuition had to be collected. (And right here we wish to state the hard facts and give honor to whom honor is due. The Trustees of the Eclectic

School under wrote the salary of all the teachers, which cost them hard money far beyond their own tuition. The writer knows this, for he collected the money from those good men, and had a heart felt sympathy for them, and has yet when he thinks back over their sacrifices.)

In the spring of 1906 I was offered the principalship of the Eclectic School with the idea of a six month public school to be followed in the spring by a three months private Teacher Training School, which was an institution of my own. On the first Monday in September with three assistants and one of the most energetic Music Teachers I ever met, Miss Elizabeth Hanson, we opened the first session of our work in this community. For five years our work was indeed pleasant and successful. So much so was it that one of my assistants, Miss Mary Louise Mason, and myself in the fourth year of our work here, August 10, 1910, formed a co-principalship in an institution to last through life. And we are today, March 10, 1953, still co-principals in that same institution as first set up.

ECLECTIC WINS THE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Since only $15.00 as entrance fee was all we had to finance the Normal, it was decided to bid for the County High School. To get one of these schools the community was required to donate five acres of land and a suitable building. Wetumpka had the Fifth District Agricultural School and was out of the race, but a number of other communities were bidding. We did not believe that five acres of land was enough to accommodate the school that Eclectic had in mind, so A. R. Jones donated ten acres, the community the building and won. Thus, on the first Monday in September, 1911, the building was ready and Prof. J. J. Yarbrough opened the first session of the E. C. H. S.

WHY I REFUSED THE PRINCIPALSHIP OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

I was offered the principalship of the High School. But the curriculum required Latin, Greek, one Modern Language, Advanced Algebra, Plane and Solid Geometry, Advanced English Grammar, Physics, Chemistry, English and American Classics, and a lot more.

Our advanced pupils had passed the State Examinations, were teaching, and I knew there were few in the community prepared to do these subjects.

The High School began with an enrollment of 14, so we were told.

THE ECLECTIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL

When the High School was established the regulations were that the Grammar School should occupy a separate building on a separate lot. And at that time the Methodist Parsonage occupied the lot where Mr. and Mrs. Walter Greene now live. So a lot containing three acres west of the parsonage was acquired from A. R. Jones and a four room building erected. Later two more rooms were added.

In the latter part of the 20's the schools of the country were consolidated and so many pupils were brought to Eclectic that a larger building and more grounds were necessary. I have always known that big enterprises must have broad space, and so I sold the State six more acres, five for the Grammar School building and a campus, and one for agricultural experimentation—price $500.00. The present building was erected in 1931.

THE HIGH SCHOOL BURNS

The first High School building was wood, the old public school building remodeled. Around a stove flue on top of the building pinestraw collected and caught fire. And as there was no way of getting to the fire all the teachers, pupils and citizens could do was to stand around and see it burn. It seems that no one had ever thought of fire. This was in 1913.

In those days there were no state funds for public school buildings. But the big hearted citizens of this community knew what a school is worth, and in a few months a brick building was completed and the school back on the same spot running in high gear.

THE SECOND BURNING

During World War I the school was salvaging paper for war purposes, and one room of the High School was packed with this waste. This stuff caught fire and the entire building was destroyed. But with insurance funds and more contributions from the citizens it was not long until a new building, with better equipment and furnace heat was ready. With able Principals and well trained teachers in this school for years excellent work has been done in the training of our young people, all of whom are making useful citizens.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

About the close of the First World War the Federal government passed an enactment making it the duty of the national treasury to help finance the teaching of Vocational subjects in connection with the public schools. And after the war the price of lumber slumped greatly. There being left in the R. R. warehouse a large quantity of first class lumber with no sale for it, W. C. Powell and A. R. Jones made a private note at the First National Bank at Wetumpka for $500.00 and with that money purchased the entire lot. Out of this lumber was built a vocational agricultural building that stood between the present school building and the cafeteria. The note at the bank was paid with money from the lumber left. Never did good luck come at a more needed time. Prices were low and the people were hard pressed. If any person should think that the people of Eclectic have not felt the financial weight of contributions to public enterprises, then he just does not know. One good man, the late J. I. Shores, told me that he had invested in school buildings at Eclectic more than $1500. Another good man who was a school trustee and steward in the M. E. Church lost his home as a result of too many contributions. The present generation and those to come can never know the sacrifices of their forefathers.

But sacrifice or what not, these people never let an opportunity slip to do something for the young people. This time it was Mrs. Howle, (Miss Pearl) wife of Dr. J. A. Howle, who took the lead in the interest of the girls. She said "It's not right to give the boys vocational training and do nothing

for the girls." And as is always the case when there is an energetic woman at the helm the wheels roll quick and fast. So, within a few weeks the Home Economics building was standing as you see it. This was in 1923.

THE THIRD BURNING

It was Friday after noon January 19, 1941. The thermometer stood below freezing and the temperature was falling.

A strong north western blizzard was blowing furiously; and while the teachers and the children were passing from the warm school rooms into this furious gale, the news was blasted: "The schoolhouse is on fire!" Few could believe it. Many were still in the building; even teachers left behind thought it was a joke.

The underground furnace room, which had stored in it a large pile of fat pine for kindling, had become overheated and this kindling had caught fire. Smoke was oozing through every crack in the floor.

The alarm spread. Hunrdeds of citizens were soon on the ground, but nothing could be done. Practically nothing was saved, for every room and the halls were full of smoke. The entire two story building, records, equipment, and the agricultural building were a complete loss.

The churches and other organizations of the town were sympathetic and the school went on, but it was September 1942 before the present building was ready. By this time the State had taken over the erection and replacement of public school buildings, which was indeed fortunate for Eclectic. Within less than a year the present Agricultural building was erected, and after that the Cafeteria, but the writer can not give their history. The equipment of the entire plant is modern; and since the town now has artesian water and a fire department the school enjoys the best sanitary conditions and the fire hazard has been reduced to the minimum.

The entire school campus covers 20 acres more or less and there is an athletic field for the High School and one for the grammar school. The former is lighted for games at night, and in the main building is a large gymnasium.

THE CANNING AND CREOSOTE PLANTS

During the past decade two other plants have been placed upon the school grounds, which deserve mention. Hundreds of people now take advantage of the opportunity to can their garden and field products at the school canning plant. Thousands of posts, poles, and building material is creosoted annually on the Eclectic school grounds. These plants are open to both races throughout the county.

EVALUATION AND OPERATING STAFF

At the Cafeteria more than 450 pupils and teachers have a first class dinner five days in the week.

To evaluate public property is not easy. It can only be approximated. But if today it were required to locate a 25 acre lot as conveniently situated with as many advantages as the present site has and then to erect all the buildings and install all the equipment now in use on the Eclectic school grounds, our guess is the total cost would approximate one half million dollars.

The number enrolled this year, 1953:

Grammar School	315
High School	350
Total enrollment	665
Number of buses employed to transport students	9
Number of teachers in Grammar Grades	11
Number of teachers in High School	17
Total number of instructors	28
Janitors for entire plant	2
Cooks and other employees	6
Total	8
Number of volumes in Library	2,300
Total number of staff employed to operate the entire school plant	36

The Eclectic Schools, both Grammar and High, through all these years have had good teachers and the best qualified men to head the institution. The two principals to remain longest are the present State Superintendent, Dr. W. J. Terry,

who was here for 10 years, and the incumbent Professor J. Pearson Howard, who, including this year, will have headed the institution for 15 years.

The people of Eclectic have ever shown an abiding interest in education. And there is no doubt, but that the coming generation will show more and greater interest. There is every reason to believe that Eclectic some day will be the center for a higher and more efficient training for all the young people of this section of Alabama. Education and Religion make the salt of the earth; and as already stated, it is the interest in these two subjects that has made this town what she is today.

MY INDIAN RELICS

From infancy I have been curious about relics, and for many years I collected Indian relics. My pupils, patrons, and friends made contributions until I had a sizeable collection, some pieces of which were rare.

In 1920 at Weogufka, Coosa County, this collection won first prize. Among it were a number of pieces that appeared to be fire proof; at least they went through the fire when the schoolhouse burned in 1941. Three pieces in particular, were two peace pipes and an Indian soup bowl. I kept my relics in a walnut case made from a tree cut from my father's farm at Bell Rattle in Coosa County. In the case was a Texas steer horn, three feet long . It belonged to my father. I had had it polished and mounted with silver bands and his name, T. B. Jones, engraved there on. (Needless to say that tears flowed that night after the burning.)

Another rare article connected with the collection was a thing of which I do not know the name. Hanging to the right of the Governor's office door in the Capital at Montgomery, is an article about 18" by 30" made of Indian arrows, many sizes and different colors. On top of my case I had a replica of this article. This case with all its contents had been placed in the hall of the High School building; and when the building was on fire, the hall full of smoke, I almost unconsciously started in, to bring it out. A friend took me by the arm and held me, else I know not what might have been the result.

The articles that went through the burning with a few other pieces have been donated to the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts.

Does any one know from whence the Indians obtained fire proof stone? I do not. A. R. J.

THE RAILROAD

In 1913 a railroad was built into Eclectic. It came from Union Springs by way of Milstead and Tallassee. The Promoter was Mr. W. M. Blount; and his idea was to extend the road Southeast to the Atlantic, and Northwest to Birmingham. The name of this road was The Birmingham South Eastern. Had this road been completed, it would, in that day, have been of great help and convenience to the entire country.

But no industry was established at Eclectic to support the road. And a little later paved highways were constructed. Then followed the automobile, bus transportation, freight trucks, and other mobile machines, all of which rendered the R. R. of little service. So in the early twenties the road ceased to exist; and as we have understood the rails were sold to Japan, out of which ammunition was manufactured. What for?

Along with the R. R. came many new citizens, most of them good, many of whom are here yet, and are numbered among the best of our population.

THE BANK

And too with the rail road came the bank, two of them, The Elmore County Bank, and The Bank of Eclectic. But it was not long until The Bank of Eclectic in some way absorbed The Elmore County Bank. And thus the town has had but the one institution.

After a few years one of our most enterprising old time citizens, Mr. Lee Hornsby, became interested in banking. He bought a majority interest in the bank, became its president, and cashier, which positions he held for many years.

During the great depression, 1928-1932, when hundreds of banks all over the nation were failing no one ever had the least occasion to doubt the soundness, honesty, and financial ability of the Bank of Eclectic. This institution has been a great asset to the community and to all the people roundabout.

MUNICIPALITY

THE TOWN INCORPORATED

When the High School was established 1911, the center of the town was located by the state surveyor, Pickett, at the point where the street running north from the High School intersects the Tallassee Highway. With this point as center and with a radius of three quarters of a mile the town was immediately incorporated. Thus the town of Eclectic is a circle and includes an area of one and seventy-six one hundredths (1.76*) plus square miles.

From the beginning the officials were thoughtful, competent, and efficient; and though in the early days finances were scarce they began at once to make improvement and to lay plans for the future town. During the present mayorship, J. J. Shores, and that preceding, the late J. G. Girdner, a courtroom and jail have been built; every street in town, except one recently built, have been paved; more than a mile of concrete sidewalks have been laid; a super abundance of the finest artesian water is available and in almost every home of the town; and a fire engine with equipment has been purchased, and along with it a voluntary fire company has been organized. All this and more has been accomplished, and excepting the city water debt which is being rapidly reduced, it is all paid for, and that too without one penny of extra taxes on any one; and our city taxes are very reasonable. As a beginning this is what has been accomplished in forty years, and may the future citizenry continue what their ancestors have so notably begun.

INDUSTRY

There is no large industry at Eclectic, never has been. But when it was known that the town has an abundant supply of artesian water Mr. John Castleberry installed a lumber plant that supplies building material throughout this and other counties. It is reported that the timber land connected with this plant can grow pine trees as fast the the plant can use them.

About the same time 1948 Teague and Son erected a plant for bottling "Teague's Best of Beverages", which is sold far and near. As a drink it is hard to beat.

The Alabama Power Company furnishes power for all purposes.

About the time of the R. R. 1913, Mr. Lester Harden installed a private Telephone system, which for 40 years has grown until now it is known as the Coosa-Elmore Telephone Company. Bought by Mr. W. Fred Thomas, it is today putting in the dial system, has connection with all other telephone 'ines, and quick communication can be had throughout the nation.

The purpose of this write up of the town is not industry, but rather to show the results of right attiudes and appreciation of the higher values of life.

OUR DREAM OF A BEAUTIFUL CITY AT ECLECTIC

Under no circumstances would we dictate to those of the future. Let them build to suit their own imaginations, needs, and conditions. But the following is our dream of a beautiful city at Eclectic some future day.

Except the Wetumpka and the Tallassee Highways, almost all the streets of Eclectic run east west, north south, along or near the boundry lines and half mile lines of section 14, T. 19, R. 20. (The N.E. corner of this section is just across the road from Castleberry's store, and the intersection of the half mile lines is about 50 yards S. E. of the Negro Church).

Two lane streets along these lines, the four boundary lines of the section and the two half mile lines, with flowers and trees between, we dreamed would indeed be beautiful.

For sanitation there are 12 hollows that drain the town in almost every direction. A pipe line laid down these hollows could carry the sewage as far out as desired and empty it into large septic tanks. What could be better?

TWO GOOD MEN
BUT
MOST UNFORTUNATE

Mr. John Collins

At the turn of the century, 1900, J. M. (John) Collins was the most prominent business man in all this section. He owned and operated a sizeable lumber plant, with planer mill, lathe, cotton gin, and grist mill.

In 1903 when the Baptist decided they needed a new church house, with only the verbal promise of its members to pay, John Collins shouldered the enterprise and erected a beautiful structure with gothic windows and stained glass.

The church house was hardly completed when the community decided that a new school house was a necessity Again John Collins with only the verbal promise of the citizens erected and completed the first school house, a two story building, where the present High School building now stands

To the credit of the Baptist and to the citizens of Eclectic the payment for these two structures was made after the buildings were completed, and never a word of complaint.

During the winter of 1907 Mr. Collin's lumber plant and all his machinery was burned. In the fall of 1908, his store dwelling house, barn and the home of Mr. Hanks all burned at the same time. Mr. Collins built another store and it burned. A party was tried for arson but without conviction

After all this misfortune Mr. Collins collected what he could and in 1918 when prices were good purchased a sugar cane plantation in Florida. By 1922 prices were at the bottom and his plantation was sold to pay debts, leaving this good man with nothing.

Mr. Lee Hornsby

Another most unfortunate citizen is Mr. Lee Hornsby. After accumulating a nice fortune, and doing much for the good of the community as above stated in hs management of the bank, about 1944 his health was such that an operation was necessary. And then again in 1947 another operation had to be performed, and when he was taken from the operating table he was paralized and speechless. This was six years ago. He is with us yet, but has not spoken a word nor been able to move himself these years.

The sands of time do surely grind,
And men like these are hard to find;
The good they did is with us yet;
Their deeds we'll ne're, no ne're forget.

MEDICAL

Who the practitioners were before Doctor Fielder, we know not, but after him the town has had a number of good doctors. To name all is impossble, but the following are a few:

Doctor Will Norton, Doctor Gus Howle, Doctor George Cryer, Dr. Zeb Crawley, Dr. H. T. Lett, Dr. W. C. Hanson, Dr. J. R. Dawson, Dr. J. E. Cameron, Doctor E. E. Slaton, First Dentist; and Doctor William M. Owsley.

Dr. Owsley deserves more than casual mention. He came to Eclectic 1917 and with the exception of a few others a few months each, was the only physician in this territory for 35 years. He vsited all when called, was rarely ever away from his practice, and had no troubles collecting. The people had confidence in him and from miles away the ailing came to consult with him and to get his prescriptions. He was sympathetic, thoughtful, appreciative, and generous, yet

firm. He had a nerve of steel, and though steel it was, on March 2nd, 1952, he suffered hemorage of the brain, was with us a few more hours, and passed to his eternal reward.

W. M. Owsley, and his wife, Miss Mable Hayes, have five living children, and all except one, David, yet in school, hold responsible positions. They will be mentioned in the following article.

PRESENT GENERATION

Of the hundreds who have gone out from the E. C. H. S. and are today filling prominent places, these are a few:
Atkins, Curtis; Jeweler, Progressive Minister, Tallassee.
Blankenship, Ruth; Bookkeeper, Hajoka Corp., Chattanooga.
Bradley, Selman; (M. E.) Pastor, Troy, Ala.
The late Blankenship, Everette; Air Force, W. W. II. *
Bridgman, Harry Noeman; U. S. Air Force.
Bridgman, Richard Miles, F.B.I.

Bridgman, Thomas Mitchell; State Highway.
Cousins, Morris W. (Retired); C. M. M., U. S. Coast Guard.

Collins, Miss Myrtis; Clerk, Tax Collector's Off., Wetumpka.
Dunn, Mrs. Bessie (Thornton); Textile, Tallassee.
Ennis, Charles; Furniture Dept., Montgomery Fair.
Edwards, James D.; Dean, Bob Jones University, S. C.
Edwards, Miss Lois; Teacher, Fort Deposit.
Edwards, Oscar C., Banker, Fort Deposit.
Ellis, Charles; Major, Jet Plane Pilot.
Farrow, Carlisle; Teacher, A. P. I.
Farrow, Charles; Gin operator, Eclectic; Town Councilman.
Forehand, James Earl; Air Force, Montgomery.
Fullmer, Billy; (M. E.) Minister Student, Auburn.
Formby, John; Teacher, Engineer and Farm Demonstrator, Brazil, former County Supt. of Ed., Elmore County.
Griffith, Leon; Contractor and Builder, Eclectic.
Griffith, Monroe; Auto Salesman, Montgomery.
Harden, Edward; (M. E.) Evangelist; Minister same church 12 years, Pensacola, Fla.
Hardin, Carl, Jr.; Merchant, Eclectic.

The late Hale, Ben L., W. W. II, Air Force. *
Harden, Carrie Louise Slaton; (First Graduate E. C. H. S.) Housewife.
Harden, Sarah Louise; State Director of Finance, Montgomery.
Hornsby, Aubry; Retired Brigadier General, U. S. A. F.
Jackson, Glover; Maj., W. W. II, two years in India; 71 round trips over the Hump.
Johnson, Hardaway; Merchant, Eclectic; Member County Board of Education.
Johnson, B. A.; Merchant, Eclectic.
Johnson, James; (M. E.) Evangelist, N. Y., N. C., Florida.
Jones, Thomas M.; Research Chemist, Oak Ridge, T.V.A.
Jones, A. Russell; W. W. II, 1st Lieut., Anti Air Craft;
Jones, Mary F. Guyton; Teacher, Housewife, Stoneboro, Pa.
Johnson, E. B.; Teague Hdw., Montgomery.
Johnson, James V.; Sears-Roebuck, Montgomery.
Killough, Charles; Teacher, Voc. Ag., Linden.
Killough, Frank; Royster Fertilizer, Montgomery.
Lanier, R. Edison; Real Estate, Eclectic.
Lyle, Dawson; Farmer, Baptist S. S. Supt., Eclectic.
Lanier, Leonard; Radio Electrician, Eclectic.
Latham, (Ennis) Mrs. Carolyn; Housewife, Ft. Walton.
Mason, Reginald; Lieut. Col., A. F., Dayton, Ohio.
The late Moore, Elywn;
Moore, Mrs. Eleanor (Green); Gunter Field, Montgomery.
The late Mitchell, Gaston *
Mitchell, George J.; M/Sgt., U. S. A. F., Maxwell A. F. Base, Ala.
Mitchell, Lunie H.; S/Sgt. U. S. A. F., Kansas City, Missouri.
Mitchell, Pauline; Housewife, Tucson, Arizona.
Mitchell, Kathleen; Housewife, Montgomery, Ala.
Mitchell, Bobby L.; A/ac, U. S. A. F., George A. F. Base, California.
Mitchell, Charles N.; Student, Junior College, Fulton, Miss.
Owsley, Lawrence Hayes; Surgeon, Boon, N. C.
Owsley, Annie D.; Wave, Med. Corp, W. W. H. Mrs. Anderson.
Owsley, Mabel; Teacher, Prof. Home Ec., McMurry College, Ill.
Owsley, Billie Jean; Athletic Director, Tallassee.
Owsley, Alice McGehee; Secretary U. S. Dept of Navy, Washington, D. C.

Owsley, Mary E. Slaton; Capitol Hostess, State of Alabama.
(Owsley), Mrs. Jane Mary Hornsby; Housewife.
Owsley, Hattie Belle; Teacher, Athens, Ga.
Real, Ray; Bap. Minister, Howard College, Birmingham.
(Shores), Mrs. Carrie Lou Singleton; Housewife and Teacher, Wetumpka.
Spivey, Miss Dean; Bank Clerk, Eclectic.
Stuckey, Walter; Baptist Minister.
Stuckey, Raymond; Baptist Minister.
Timmerman, Alton; Baptist Minister.
Shackleford, Mrs. Effie (Johnson).
The late Thrash, Duck; W. W. II, Air Force.
Venable, Dr. Austin L.; Head Dist. Dept., Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C.
Weldon, Houston W.; (M. E.) Minister, and Gen. Manager, Children's Aid, Greensburg, Penn.
Warren, Robert L.; Merchant Marine, W. W. II; Gas Salesman. Eclectic.
Warren, Dewitt; Traveling Salesman, Montgomery.
Warren, Mrs. Bobby Gene (Howard); Housewife, Montgomery.
Warren, Frank; Air Force, Montgomery.
(Zoch), Mrs. Vivian Gertrude Sammer; Housewife, Shokie, Ill.
(Zoch), Mrs. Olivia Watkins; Housewife, Montgomery.
(Zoch), Mrs. Penelope Fargood; Bureau Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C.
Zoch, Richmond Tucker; U. S. Employee, D. C. Author, "Climatic Hand Book", Washington, D. C.

The above are a few of the hundreds of names taken at random who have finished at the E. C. H. S. and are holding high positions throughout the nation. It is with regret that the entire roster can not be put in. Space and expense forbid my writing another name. A. R. J.

THE METHODIST CHURCH BURNED

Sunday, Nov. 1920, was cold ,and when a fire was built in the church stove a spark set fire to the roof, which was old. There being no water or fire protection, the congregation and town people could only watch it go to ashes. And so this fine old-time structure with its melodious bell was no more. This was a heavy blow, particularly for the older people; for here was the recollections of their early school days, the mighty prayers and sermons of long ago, the grove prayer meetings, and the Sunday School services of their lives. But saddest of all, their grandparents, fathers and mothers, relatives and neighbors, were lying at rest close by and now the church was gone.

It was some months before a site was agreed upon for the new church. The lot selected was the grounds now occupied. The present building, equipment, Sunday School rooms, with furnace heat, was soon completed, and the M. E. Church was launched on its present-day activities.

A few years later in connection with the church a recreational center was built. And last year, 1952, a modern brick residence with a beautiful drive-in garage was completed for the Parsonage.

The Christian people of this community, both Baptists and Methodists, are and ever have been anxious to show their appreciation for Him, their Creator and Benefactor.

INTELLECTUAL AND SPIRITUAL RESUME BY DECADES

1850-1860

The people of Eclectic have ever been interested in things intellectual, spiritual, and celestial. This is illustrated vividly in the Kidd family.

Mr. Seaborn Jones Kidd was born in Fulton Co., Ga., Aug. 2, 1804; his wife Mary A. Carlton was also born in Ga., September 5, 1816. They were married May 7, 1833, moved to Wetumpka, December 1833, to Good Hope community, February 1843, and then to Eclectic in 1850.

To this couple were born eleven children, nine girls and two boys. The girls were: Nancy, Elizabeth, Mattie, Lucy, Amanda, Rissie, Sallie, Susie, and Carrie. The boys were James A. and Willie M.

From 1840 to 1850 Mr. and Mrs. Kidd were educating two little girls, Nancy and Elizabeth; Nancy to be the first teacher at Eclectic, 1850, and Elizabeth to teach for a number of years and then to become the mother of a noted missionary to Brazil, Mrs. Nora (Smith) Merwether.

From Nancy (Kidd) Whetstone to James Pearson Howard, now principal of the Elmore County High School, and the grandson of Susie (Kidd) Pearson is more than 100 years. And to name the celebrities of this family through a century is an impossibility for the writer. But we venture the assertion that few families can be found with so many teachers, preachers, and other noted personalities, as are now and have been in the Kidd generation.

About this date, 1850, or earlier, the first article to be sold in a store of what was to be the future Eclectic, was a Blue Back Speller, sold by one Mr. Bill Colly in a log cabin.

To be educated from the pages of this "myracl" of a text book were the children of two pioneer families, Glenn and Cousins, who had already settled in these woods, and their descendants were to weild a mighty influence, intellectually and spiritually, over the coming generations.

In the Glenn family were 5 boys, Bascom C. Glenn, W. Capers Glenn, John Glenn, Wesley Glenn and Jerry Glenn, 3 of whom became Methodist ministers of power. The writer had the pleasure of hearing Jerry Glenn preach. His sermons were nothing ordinary. The people shed tears and the windows were packed with listeners.

In the Cousins family were two brothers, Morris and William B. Cousins. Morris Cousins was the father of A. J. Cousins, another Methodist minister of power and persuasion; he was also the father of our late Tom Cousins.

William C. Cousins was the public school teacher in this community during the Civil War. After the war he taught at other places, then here again. During his later life, even to death, for many years he was County Superintendent of Education. With pleasure do I recall the "Old Time Teachers' Institutes" and the subjects discussed under the supervision of this able superintendent, W. C. Cousins.

Indeed could it be said that the ancestors of these three families, Kidd, Glenn, and Cousins, were the rock foundation pillars to which is anchored the intellectual and spiritual growth of this and other communities.

1860-1870

During the latter part of the sixties and through the seventies a young man, Willie C. Powell, son of Mr. Andrew Jackson Powell, was also being grounded in the magic lore of that old time Blue Back Speller. Six decades later, 1930, this young man was the Chairman of the Elmore County Board of Education, W. C. Powell, pleasantly remembered by us all.

1870-1880

Through these ten years another young man, Robert Williams, son of Mr. Fletcher Williams and wife, Lucy (Kidd) Williams, was being educated in that same Blue Back Speller for a life time Methodist preacher. He is now the retired, "Brother Bob Williams," loved and appreciated by all who know him.

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In the latter half of this period, a young doctor, M. L. Fielder, back from a medical school in the North, bought the Kidd plantation; and imagining a beautiful village round about, donated one acre of land to any one who would build a home thereupon. This started Eclectic.

His next move was to get a post office, and being successful, he gave it the name of a beautiful Greek adjective, meaning a collection of the best. Then to teach the people this new name, he painted it in large black letters and placed them in an arch over his front gate: ECLECTIC.

1880-1890

M. L. Fielder donated the land and the first Baptist church in town was built, 1881.

About this same time a new school house was also built. Mr. W. C. Cousins was placed in charge, but after a year or two he notified the patrons that he could carry the advanced classes no further, and Prof. O. C. McGehee with his sister, Annie, as assistant, were elected. These were college graduates, and Prof. McGehee became a Methodist preacher and later Presiding Elder. Educationally this put Eclectic at the front. Boarding students arrived, and a new day dawned.

1890-1900

The trustees passed a resolution that henceforth no person but a college graduate should head the Eclectic school faculty, and that only the best of instructors would be employed.

This was the best thing that ever happened for Eclectic.

1900-1910

By now the people were headed educationward. Dr. E. E. Slaton and wife, Alice (Bachelor) Slaton, made teachers of all their children, one for life, Everette, Carrie Lou, and Mary Esther. And now a granddaughter, Miss Alice McGehee Owsley is a music teacher.

In 1906 the Jones Normal was brought into the community, scores of young people were trained in the art of

teaching, passed the state examinations for teachers, and took positions in the schools of Elmore County and elsewhere Many went to college and in two years finished a degree.

1910-1920

The first school building was erected at the present site in 1903. In 1911 the Normal closed, and the E. C. H. S. was set up with Prof. J. J. Yarbrough as the principal. And although the High School has been burned out three times, it has trained thousands and is still growing.

The following during this decade went into the ministry:
Walter Stuckey; Baptist; .....
Raymond Stuckey; Baptist; .....
Alton Timmerman; Baptist; .....
The late Lonny Emfinger; Baptist; .....

1920-1930

The preceding four and the following seven, all going into ministerial work shows that the fathers and mothers at Eclectic have prayed for and worked with their children that their thoughts might be lifted heavenward.

Susie Peach Foster; Methodist; Missionary to Korea.
Selman Bradley; Methodist; Mininster at Troy, Alabama.
Lamar Spencer; Methodist, Minister at.....
Arthur Fletcher Hawington; Methodist; Minister at Moundville, Alabama
Edward Harden; Methodist; Evangelist; 12 years, same church, Pensacola, Florida.
James Johnson; Methodist; Evangelist; N. Y.; N. C.; Florida.
R. Houston Weldon; Methodist, Reformer of Delinquent Boys; Boston, now at Grensburg, Pennsylvania.

1930-1940-1950

Praying and working for higher values goes on:
Ray Real; Baptist; Minister; In training at Howard College.
Max Hale, Jr.; Methodist; Minister; In training, Birmingham Southern.
Billy Fulmer; Methodist; in training, Auburn.

CONCLUSION

The aim and purpose of this Resume and of the History of Eclectic, is to show the results of the right attitudes and the right appreciation for the higher values of life. The aim from the beginning has been to show what follows when people place knowledge, spirituality, things celestial, above every thing else.

For a half century we have watched what was taking place at Eclectic. Then the school had two class rooms; today, not counting the auditorium, laboratory, library, cafeteria, canning and creosote plants, workshops, etc. the number of class rooms is 25 and the teachers employed number 28.

The churches then had one room each; today they have a main auditorium, a recreational center, and Sunday School rooms.

Fifty years ago the total valuation of all property in what is now the incorporated area was less than one hundred thousand; today it goes into the millions. But this increase in property valuations is as nothing when compared to the mental and spiritual attainments. These people have rejoiced in working for things celestial.

I can but envision a beautiful city with greater school facilities and churches more powerful and dynamic in the training of young people of other communities with the same high ideals, Intellectual, Spiritual, Celestial, as that of their home town, ECLECTIC.

Eclectic, Alabama
April 27, 1953

P.S.—To trace the History of Eclectic has been the pleasure of my life. From the beginning down through the century even to the present day, our observation has been that the dominant idea of these people has been that stated in Mathew 6:33. "But seek ye first, God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

With this idea inherent and permanent, greater and greater achievements will be theirs. **A. R. J.**

THE LATEST EDUCATIONAL ACUMEN
THE EVALUATING COMMITTEE

The latest educational acumen to come to Eclectic is the Evaluating Committee. During the latter part of last November this committee spent 4 days at the school plant making an evaluation of the educational accomplishments of this community. Their report shows what the people of Eclectic have done in the way of laying out and equipping a school plant that is second to none. It complements the faculty for their leadership and training of the young people. It also complements the entire student body, and even the managerial staff of the cafeteria for their excellency and coopreation in helping the committee to make their evaluations. In short the entire community, and particularly the school population, has been honored by the report of the Evaluating Committee.

In addition to their complements this committee calls attention to many activities to which they say the teachers, pupils, and the patrons are not giving enough time and attention. These activities to which they say not enough time and attention is given every one, **"Extra Curricula."** The committee does not one time mention hard work either at home or at school, by the teachers of the fundamentals of an education;—The Three R's, Mathematics, Languages, History and the Sciences.—As we all know, and as the committee so vividly points out, the educational accomplishments in this community are a direct result of hard study and the mastery of these fundamentals. It did not come from "Extra Curricula Activities". The fine showing made by the Eclectic school is the result of the ginger, hard work and hard study at home and at school by all concerned, parents, pupils and teachers.

Furthermore, what has been said, in the daily press, by Dorothy Thompson in The Ladies Home Journal, in the American Legion, and particularly the speech by Hon. Paul W. Shafer of Michigan in the House of Representatives, Friday, March 21, 1952—All this and much more we are sure will cause the people of Eclectic to be loathe to leave the true and tried line of many successful years. Instead of

more "Extra Curricula Activities" we are absolutely certain they want more work and hard study on the mastery of the fundamentals of an education. They want the young men and young women of this school to continue to be a success when they leave here; which, as this history shows, has been the case for more than one hundred years.

THE CHURCH AND THE SCHOOL

The first thing the Pilgrims did after landing at Plymouth Rock was to build a church and a school house. This was May 1620. And no nation on earth has, in so short a time, 333 years, accumulated so much wealth or became so powerful as has the United States.

Likewise a church and a school house were the first things built by the first settlers at Eclectic, 1850. And no community of which we know with no resources but the natural earth, has in so short a time, 103 years, accumulated more wealth or become more influential as has this community. Their churches and school plant,—among the best, streets, side-walks, fire department ,and the finest artesian water,—all theirs, and (excepting the water system) paid for, and that without one penny of extra tax to any one. And what is more, their children are filling best positions all over the country.

Another illustration is the Bob Jones University. This institution is private. It was founded 27 years ago, and has had no funds except what the founder has raised. It operates absolutely on **The Fundamentals.** There is no tobacco, whisky, profanity, vulgarity, or any questioning of the Bible or other fundamental concepts; nothing but what is "Simon Pure" is allowed on the campus. If it gets there it gets off.

The enrollment in the Bob Jones University has in 27 years grown from nothing to three thousand (3,000), and is still growing.

The graduates from that school teach in our public institutions; they preach, sing, and lecture in all the denominations throughout the nation and in foreign countries .

This book, the History of Eclectic, cares to boast but one thing: the **Mastery of the Fundamentals,** for without these, there is little or nothing to education.

The concept on which this nation is built, and on which all the institutions that have stood throughout the ages have been established, is that set forth in Mathew 6:33:

> But seek ye first, God and His righteousness;
> and all these things shall be added to you.

THE JONES NORMAL

The Jones Normal was started at Equality in the spring of 1903, and was run for 10 consecutive years, 4 at Equality, 5 at Eclectic, then 1 back at Equality.

No students were solicited; they came of their own accord.

They came to classes when they liked; they studied if they wanted to; they came to all classes; and they studied all lessons.

The State gave all examinations; and the Normal gave "Practice Exercises" preparatory for the examinations.

All papers were read by the teachers; but none were graded.

Under misspelled words a red line; and false ideas or no idea got a red cross. Punctuation marks and probably a few suggestions were all for the teachers to look after.

Pupils reread their papers and made improvements in the next "Practice Exercise". And good or bad work was rarely mentioned.

Every other Saturday was spent at "Practice Exercises"; No school on Mondays.

The Bible was read and chapel services every morning. Teachers and pupils attended church and Sunday School.

The main objective of the Normal was an education backed by the best morals.

WORK! STUDY! YES! Yes! Yes!

Results

During the first years of the Normal the number to enroll each year was three times that of the previous year.

And the number to pass the examinations was 100% of the enrollment. The number of failures was never many. Each pupil had his or her own objective, and each worked manfully to obtain that objective.

During the entire 10 years of this school's existence no pupil was expelled, nor was any one sent home or suspended. No discipline was necessary.

Assistant Teachers

The only persons with college training to serve as assistants in the Jones Normal were Prof. H. F. Pardue, Miss Mary Louise Mason, and Miss Bessie Carmichael.

When the young people who attended this school had finished its courses they were prepared to render good service in the class room; and from their number save the above three mentioned, the school obtained all its assistant teachers. Some of them are: Mr. J. L. McKay; Mr. R. V. Jones; Mr. E. M. Meadows; Mr. Woodson Galloway; Mr. H. E. Hornsby; Mr. A. A. Teal; Miss Ida Martin; Miss Lovie Martin; Miss Sadie Snider; Miss Maud Martin; Miss Fannie Tottie; Probably others.

After finishing in this school two more years was all needed for a college diploma. Scores found ready work as teachers and many finished in the higher institutions.

Although it has been more than 40 years since the Normal closed, many of its enrollees are still teaching and are rendering good service.

Here are some of them: Prof. Cleveland Johnson, Birmingham; Prof. C. C. King, Birmingham; Prof. Early M. Meadows, Weoka; Dr. A. R. Meadows, former State Superintendent of Education; Prof. Carl J. Kenedy, Red Hill; Mrs. Everette (Slaton) Mitchell, Eclectic; Mrs. Clara (Kinned) Boatright, Eclectic; Mrs. Jessie (Boatright) Killgore, Eclectic; Mrs. Ora May (Wallace) Murchison, Eclectic; Prof. James Chrietzberg, Holtville; Mrs. Nancy (McRae) Abrams, Kent; Mrs. Willie Lee (Warren) Harris, Kent Mrs. Theressa (Moseley) Bross, Columbus, Ga. And this is not all.

There was little friction in this school. Its students went into all the avocations of life. So far as is known not one has failed. All have succeeded. They are appreciated, loved, and are held in the highest esteem. —A. R. J.

When the Normal started, 1903, there was not a Summer School in Alabama. When it closed every college in the state was giving summer work. At least that was the writer's understanding, and some, if not all, had state support. The Normal had no finances except a fee of $15.00 collected from each student.

The following are the names of a few that attended the Jones Normal. It is with regret that more can not be given. Space will not permit.

1903 (At Equality)

R. T. Milner, Atty., Wetumpka, ('03, '04, '05, '06)
Mrs. Theressa (Moseley) Bross, Teacher, Columbus, Ga. ('03, ... , ...)

1904 (At Equality)

The late A. A. Teal, Postal Clerk, Sylacauga
Dr. J. C. Waits, Dentist, Sylacauga, ('05, '06)
Grover Merchison, Clerk, 1st. National Bank, Montgomery.
The late P. K. Shirley, Atty., Wetumpka ('05, '06)

1905 (At Equality)

Dr. Randolph Penton, M. D., Montgomery
The late Dr. J. A. R. Chapman, M. D., Goodwater ('06)
C. B. Holley, Postal Clerk, Montgomery ('06)
B. F. Teal, Postal Clerk, Decatur ('06, '07, '08)
Dr. Simion Penton, Dentist, Wetumpka

1906 (At Equality)

Frank Ellis, U. S. Marshal, Central, Ala.
The late J. M. Welch, Chief of Police, Dallas, Tex.
J. Sanford Mullins, Atty. & State Senator, Alex. City, ('07)
Mrs. Minnie (Pannell) Meadows, Teacher, Birmingham.
Joseph W. Samuels, Chair of History, Arizona, now retired.

1907 (At Eclectic)

The late George Albert Collins, Bank Clerk, Eclectic.
The late J. A. Lamberth, Teacher ('09, '11), Post Grad.
The late J. D. Richardson, Druggist, Eclectic ('08, '09)
Dr. Marion Weldon, M. D., Mobile, Ala.
H. E. Hornsby, Contractor & Builder, ('06) Fla.
A. F. Moseley, Methodist Minister, ('08, '09)

1908 (At Eclectic)

The late Benoleon (Ben) Mitchell, Highway Technician, Alexander City.
The late J. D. Sayers, Postal Clerk, Birmingham ('07, '09)
Mrs. Mildred (Spivey) Lazenby, Bank Clerk, Eclectic, ('09)
B. D. Tucker, Merchant, Teague Hardware, Montgomery ('10)
The late O. Carl Hardin, Merchant, Eclectic, ('10, '11)
Gaston Hardin, Merchant, Wetumpka, ('10, '11)
The late Ben Woodall, Merchant, Tallassee.
The late Charles Wesley Philipps, Vet. World War I.

1909 (At Eclectic)

The late Paul Arant, Rural Carrier, Wetumpka.
J. Britton Meritt, Rural Carrier, Lafayette.
The late Captain Frank S. Land, Montgomery.
R. Walter Stuckey, Baptist Minister ('10)
E. Grady Johnson, (Parson Jack) Baptist Minister, Columbus, Ga.
Dr. Toliver L. Austin, Dentist, ..., Ga.

1910 (At Eclectic)

Mrs. Burnie (Jones) ..... P. M. Equality ('11)
Ernest Tucker, Merchant, Montgomery
C. C. King, Teahcer, Birmingham
Mrs. Alvy Mary (Samuels) Sayers, Postal Clerk, Birmingham.
Robert F. Samuels, R. R. Postal Clerk, Ga. to Fla.
Edd Waites, Tax Assessor, Wetumpka, ('11)
Lloyd Lacy Collins, Music Teacher, Ga.

1911 (At Eclectic)

O. C. Philipps, Merchant, Eclectic
Mrs. Fanny (Philipps) Richardson, Druggist, Eclectic
Aubry Hornsby, General, (Air Force), Montgomery.
A. D. Mason, Contractor and Builder, Eclectic.

1912 (At Equality)

Judson Martin, Baptist Minister, Singing Evangelist, Marion, Ala.
The late Paul Martin, U. S. Land Agent, Wetumpka.
Dr. John Hunter, Dentist, Wetumpka.
John L. Law, Banker, Wetumpka.
John Teel, Teacher, Ga.
Mrs. Genie (Martin) Hersfield, Teacher, housewife, Alexander City (1905).
The late Miss Bettie Lee Martin, Teacher, 1905.
The late Miss Besse Martin, 1905.
Mrs. Freddie (Birmingham) Watson, teacher, housewife, 1905.
Mrs. Fannie Lee (Johnson) Adams, teacher, housewife, 1906.
The late Miss Edna Tucker, teacher, 1906, 1910.
J. Herman Timmerman, Rural Carrier, Tallassee, 1907.
E. E. Calloway, Atty., Fla.
The late R. W. O'Daniel, Merchant, Tallassee, 1907.
Mrs. Lula (Teal) Rush, teacher, housewife, Sylacauga, 1907.
M. J. Woodfin, teacher, member County Board Education, Prattville, 1908.
Mrs. Aulsie (Edwards) Fincher, housewife, Alexander City, 1908.
Charley B. Killough, Merchant, Farmer, Eclectic, 1908.
Mrs. Carrie Elizabeth Norton (Holly), teacher, housewife, 1909.
The late Boland Hall Walkley, Teacher, 1909.
Mrs. Jessie (Land) Harmon, teacher, housewife, 1909.
Ernest Leon Howard, farmer, Holtville, 1909.
The late Mary Julia Land, musician.

THE OLD TIME SCHOOL

Well, what about the Old Time School,
The peg leg bench, the dunce, the fool,
The kickr'y withe, that rigid rule,
And Little Sam on "Dunce's Stool"?
With boys and girls all sittin' inna row,
Folks then learned what folks outa know.

If it were not for these packed rhymes,
You'd quickly see they had less crimes
In bygone days, those "Good Old Times,"
When folks couldn't 'ford these high class wines,
With boys and girls all sittin' inna row,
They sure did learn what folks oughta know.

They had to work both night and day
To keep the hungry wolf away;
(And that's the thing, no doubt, they say,
That caused some folks to want to pray.)
With boys and girls all sittin' inna row,
Couldn't help but learn what folks oughta know.

Back then Pap used the chastening rod,
Endorsed throughout the Word of God,
To keep the upstarts, old and young,
From Satin's grip and forked tongue.
With boys and girls all sittin' inna row,
You **bet** they learned what folks oughta know.

Though Satan holds them good and tight,
The Wise Cracks say, "It's just not right
To keep the children all in line,
No matter what you've proved divine."
With boys and girls all sittin' inna row,
Do Wise Cracks preach what folks oughta know?

Back there folks didn't run round at night;
Their only law was, "Just Do Right";
The children, too, were re'ly bright,
And how they learned it was a sight!
With boys and girls all sittin' inna row,
My! **My!** They learned what folks oughta know.

But one more thought we here submit,
For Wise Cracks all should hard be hit.
It's not but just a little bit,
And next four lines is al lof it.
With boys and girls all sittin' inna row,
Folks then could learn what folks oughta know.

If it could be, this Old Time School,
By means of its most rigid rule,
Could knock the Wise Cracks, senseless, cool,
And stop their making folks a fool,
With boys and girls all sittin' inna row,
Folks then **would** learn what folks oughta know.

ME AND YOU

I fear I sense an angry frown.
And could it be that man's let down?
Ten thousand boms; the under ground!
And sweet-hearts gone, the world around!—

With fears all gone except a few,
There's no need now for bug-a-boo;
This world's been good to me and you,
And likewise to our children too.

We now can seek the honey dew,
To take us where there's something new,
More wondrous than we ever knew,
Where all is bliss for me and you.

Now any day our ship is due,
And not a one of all it's crew,
Has ever failed, or been untrue.
And so there's nothing else to do,

Unless it be these one or two:
To these we leave; "Our Last Adieu,"
To those gone on; "Sweet Howdy Do,"
And then look back for one last view.

We're close to heaven's panoramic hue.
We trust our faith will take us through,
To be forever, me and you,
With those we've loved, and something new.